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MESSAGE

DEAR EXAMINER SHEIKH:

FURTHER TO OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS MORNING, ATTACHED IS A PROPOSED ATTACHMENT FOR AN EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT INCORPORATES THE LIMITATIONS OF INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1 INTO CLAIM 37, WHICH WAS LIMITED TO PARTICULAR MEDICINES AND POLY(VINYLALCOHOL) (PVA) AS THE PERMATION CONTROLING FILM AND WAS INDICATED AS BEING ALLOWABLE. PROPOSED CLAIM 37 IS DIRECTED TO COMPOSITIONS WHERE THE PERMEATION CONTROLLING FILM COMPRISES PVA AND THE MEDICINE COMPRISES NICORANDIL, DOPAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE OR EPERISONE HYDROCHLORIDE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS REVISION IS ACCEPTABLE. NEW PROPOSED CLAIMS 39 AND 40 MERELY PRESENT IN DEPENDENT FORM DRUGS ALREADY RECITED IN CLAIM 37. INTERVENING CLAIMS 7, 8, AND 32-36 (AND CLAIM 38) HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO DEPEND FROM CLAIM 37.

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